

**MINUTES**

**UTAH  
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT  
LICENSING BOARD  
MEETING**

**AUGUST 18, 2005**

**Room 457– 4<sup>th</sup> Floor – 8:15 A.M.  
Heber Wells Building**

**CONVENED: 8:20 a.m.**

**ADJOURNED 9:35 a.m.**

**Bureau Manager:  
Board Secretary:  
DOPL Staff**

Diana Baker, Bureau Manager  
Penny Vogeler, Board Secretary  
Craig Jackson, Division Director

**Board Members Present:**

Danny Crouse, Chairman  
Kristen Ries, MD  
Gordon Day, PA

**Board Members Absent:**

Larry Reimer, MD  
Paul Clark, MD

**Board Members Excused**

Jeffrey Chappell, MD  
Vickie P. Hamm, Public Member

**Guests:**

Bob Bunnell, UAPA

**TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

Enterprise Valley Medical Clinic

**DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Enterprise valley medical clinic submitted a letter to the board for permission of hiring an additional PA. They are located in a rural area and therefore qualify for an addition Physician Assistant upon approval of the Board. There was not a quorum present at this

meeting therefore, the Board may not vote on this issue.

It was the decision of the Board to have a copy of the letter faxed to the other members of the Board and schedule a conference call with Ms. Baker to discuss the matter. The members present were all in favor of approving the additional Physician Assistant as long as the Board has the opportunity to approve the delegation of service agreement.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

Approval of May 19, 2005 Minutes

Minutes approved with one addition.

#### **Nominations For Chairperson**

The nomination for a chairperson was tabled until next meeting due too the fact there was not a quorum present at today's meeting.

#### **PROBATION INTERVIEWS**

**Darron Smith**

Mr. Crouse interviewed Mr. Smith. He stated he is working less, about 8 hrs a week. Dr. Krump is supervising him part time. The delegation of service agreement was submitted last month but did not include the review of labs and the signing of charts. Mr. Smith will make these changes and re-submit this agreement prior to the next meeting. He is **in compliance** with the terms of his order.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Bob Bunnell, Executive Director of the Utah Academy of Physician Assistants, came before the Board to discuss the possibility of amending the Charity Care Act, 58-13-3 and the Declared Emergency Act, Utah code 58-1-307 (4). In general he is asking for the Boards support on adding "Physician Assistants" to the list of covered

professionals named in both Acts.

The Board feels this was simply an oversight and saw no problems with adding PA's to the lists. Mr. Bunnell asked for a recommendation as to whom he should contact about this matter. It was the recommendation of Mr. Craig Jackson, Division Director, that he contact Lyle Hillyard, of Logan Utah.

## **CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE EXAM**

Ms. Baker discussed the controlled substance exam taken by PA's and the value of it. This is now an open book test but the Division has seen no change in behavior since testing on this material went into effect. DOPL is considering discontinuing this test and wanted the opinion of all Boards involved. The Board was interested in seeing some data supporting the issue before they make a decision. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

The issue of current certification being mandatory was also discussed and the feelings of the Board were to have some feedback from Associations and the data from other states as to what they require for licensure. Mr. Day suggested that Ms. Baker contact Ann Davis at [ann@aapa.org](mailto:ann@aapa.org) for information on recertification.

## **NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR:**

November 17, 2005

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Date Approved

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Danny Crouse, Licensing Board Chairman

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Date Approved

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Diana Baker, Bureau Manager